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MONDAY, MAY 16, 1892.

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THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

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£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or
at death, if previous—may be secured by
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discontinue payment of premiums.

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THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY
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ASSETS OVER \$1,000,000.

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No restrictions as to Residence or Travelling.

Rates of premium low.

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For further particulars apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,

Agents for Hongkong.

23rd February, 1892.

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NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED..... \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

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GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, EQUAL TO \$83,333.33.
RESERVE FUND \$316,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Lee Shing, Esq., Lo Yiu Moon, Esq.

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MANAGER—HO, AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, etc., taken
at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 5 & 6, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891.

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NOTICE.

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

I HAVE This Day been appointed MANAGER
of the Hongkong Branch of the above
named Firm.

Y. FUKUHARA.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1892.

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A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

ISSUE OF 10,000 NEW SHARES OF
\$10 EACH.

PURSUANT to Resolution, the GENERAL
MANAGER of A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED, hereby invites applications from the
SHAREHOLDERS of the Company for the ISSUE
of 10,000 NEW SHARES of \$10 each at a
Premium of 50 per cent., or \$15 a Share.

Each Registered Shareholder on the first day
of May next applying for the New Issue will
be entitled to One Share for every Five Shares
registered in his name. Shares remaining un-
allotted in respect of incomplete numbers of
Five Shares and Shares not applied for by those
entitled to apply, will be allotted among the
General Manager and the Company's staff.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOYE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the *cuisine* being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandas, with gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar, and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour.

The WINES and SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

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HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "KREMLIN"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, NO. 32.

PROPRIETORS..... THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
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Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

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Hotels.

PEAK HOTEL.

THIS—accommodation—and well-appointed
HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,200 feet
above sea-level, having been leased by the
Proprietors of the "VICTORIA HOTEL," is

Now OPEN and will be run in conjunction with
their HOTEL, in Queen's Road, thus enabling
them to offer special inducements to Visitors and

Residents.

The HOTEL has been thoroughly Renovated,
Redecorated, and Refurnished.

A New and Handsome BAR has been opened
on the Basement, while a new BAR and BILLIARD-ROOM have been erected on the male
floor.

CHOPS, STEAKS, &c., can be served at
any hour.

For full Particulars as to Rates, &c., apply to
VICTORIA HOTEL.

DORABEE & HING-KEF,
Lessors.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1892.

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THE SHAMERN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably
situated within a few minutes walk of the
River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive
Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably
furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting
Rooms, and accommodation generally will be
found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

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Rooms, and accommodation generally will be
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The WINES, Spirits, Malt Liquors, etc., of the best
quality only.

A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD-ROOM.

A. F. de ROZARIO,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1892.

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BAY VIEW HOTEL.

M. OSBORNE begs to remind the Public
that every possible arrangement has

been made for the comfort and convenience of
Visitors to this popular Summer Resort. "BAY
VIEW" occupies the best situation on the
Shau-ki-wan Road, commands an excellent view
of the Harbour, and is always open to the cool
breeze from the Southward. Steam-launches
can at any time come alongside the Jetty adjoin-
ing the spacious lawn.

The Cuisine is unrivaled in Hongkong, and
only the best Brands of Wines, Solids, Cigars,
etc., are kept in stock. Private Dinners or
Tiffins prepared in First-class style on the
shortest notice, and Meals can be served at all
hours.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1892.

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THE MIKE MARU.

Captain J. B. Macmillan, will be despatched for
the above Port, on THURSDAY, the 1st instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, MAY 16, 1892.

Intimations.
DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
L I M I T E D .
C H E M I S T R Y
A N D
A E R A T E D W A T E R
M A N U F A C T U R E R S .

DAKIN'S
LEMON
SQUASH.

THE FAVORITE
HOT WEATHER DRINK.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
WINE AND SPIRITS.

We invite attention to the following Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices.

In ordering, it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use).

| | Per | Per | Per |
|---|-------|--------|------|
| Cask. | Case. | Bot. | Bot. |
| A Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule | \$10 | \$1.00 | |
| B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule | 12 | 1.20 | |
| C Fine Old Black, Superior quality, Black Seal Capsule | 14 | 1.25 | |
| D Very Fine Old, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled) | 18 | 1.50 | |

SHERRIES.

| | Per | Per | Per |
|--|-------|------|------|
| Cask. | Case. | Bot. | Bot. |
| A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule | 6 | 0.60 | |
| B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule | 7.50 | 0.75 | |
| C Mansanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule | 10 | 1.00 | |
| D Superior Old Pale, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule | 10 | 1.10 | |
| E Very Superior Old Pale Dry, Casked Old Wine, White Seal Capsule | 12 | 1.10 | |
| F Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very fine quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled) | 14 | 1.25 | |

CLARETS.

| | Per | Per | Per |
|--|-------|------|------|
| Cask. | Case. | Bot. | Bot. |
| A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule | 4 | 0.45 | |
| B St. Estephe, Red Capsule | 4.50 | 0.50 | |
| C St. Julian, Red Capsule | 7 | 0.75 | |
| D La Rose, Red Capsule | 11 | 1.20 | |

MADEIRA, HOCK AND CHAMPAGNES.
FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS.
IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

| | Per | Per | Per |
|--|-------|------|------|
| doz. | Case. | Bot. | Bot. |
| A Hennedy's Old Pale, Red Capsule | 13 | 1.20 | |
| B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule | 15 | 1.40 | |
| C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule | 20 | 1.75 | |
| D Hennedy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac | 27.50 | 2.50 | |
| E Watson's Old Capsule | 30 | 2.50 | |

SCOTCH WHISKY.

| | Per | Per | Per |
|---|-------|------|------|
| Cask. | Case. | Bot. | Bot. |
| A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule | 8 | 0.75 | |
| B Watson's Glenorchy, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark | 8 | 0.75 | |
| C Watson's Abel-Glenlivet, Red Capsule with Name and Trade Mark | 8 | 0.75 | |
| D Watson's H. & D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule | 10 | 1.00 | |
| E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule | 12 | 1.10 | |

IRISH WHISKY.

| | Per | Per | Per |
|---|-------|------|------|
| Cask. | Case. | Bot. | Bot. |
| A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule | 8 | 0.75 | |
| B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule | 10 | 1.00 | |
| C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule | 12 | 1.10 | |
| D Genuine Bourbon Whisky, Old Red Capsule with Name | 10 | 1.00 | |

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| | Per | Per | Per |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------|------|
| Cask. | Case. | Bot. | Bot. |
| A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule | 4.50 | 0.40 | |
| B Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule | 4.50 | 0.40 | |
| C Fine A. V. H. Geneva | 5.25 | 0.50 | |

RUM.

| | Per | Per | Per |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------|------|
| Cask. | Case. | Bot. | Bot. |
| Fine Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule | 12 | 1.00 | |
| Good Lizard Island | \$1.00 per Gallon | | |

LIQUEURS.

| | Per | Per | Per |
|--|-------|------|------|
| Cask. | Case. | Bot. | Bot. |
| Benedictine Maraschino Curaçao | | | |
| Heering's Cherry Cordial | | | |
| Charmouth Dr. Siegent's Angostura Bitters, &c. | | | |

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1892.

BIRTHS.

At the Twin Pagodas, Soochow, on the 9th May the wife of the Rev. HAMPTON C. DU BOIS, of a son.

At Sia Eke, Amoy, on the morning of the 8th instant, the wife of Captain J. FARROW, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

On the 10th May, at the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, and afterwards at the Collegiate Church of St. John, Jaffna, by the Rev. F. L. Hayes, Pot. B.D., GEORGE ALFRED RAPER to ELEANOR MARY SEXTON.

DEATH.

On the 10th instant, at the Kingman Arsenal, Shanghai, EUGENE, wife of Mr. Eugene, Secretary of the Chinese Legation, London, ex-

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 16, 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

AFRICA.

LONDON, May 5th.
Mr. Johnston, the Commissioner of Nyassa-land, reports the entire pacification of the Shire and Nyassa-districts.

THE SILVER CONFERENCE.
It is expected that the International silver conference will meet in July next.

THE COTTON STRIKE.
May 6th.
The Lancashire cotton strike has been settled.

THE PREMIER ON IRISH HOME RULE.
May 7th.

The Marquis of Salisbury, speaking at a meeting of the Primrose League, urged the paramount importance of the Irish question, and maintained that Parliament has no right to send Ulster into slavery. Home Rule, he said, was not a message of peace, but meant civil and religious war.

(Special to *N. C. Daily News*.)

SUDDEN DEATH OF A GERMAN CONSUL.

NAGASAKI, May 10th, 8.30 a.m.
Herr F. von Zander, the Consul for Germany, has died suddenly from heart disease.

(Special to *Shanghai Mercury*.)

THE "MARIE" ABANDONED.

CHIPOO, May 12th, 11 a.m.
Owing to the fearful odds that the salvage party, working at the wreck of the sunken German steamer *Marte*, had to contend against, it has been decided to abandon further attempts at raising her.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The French gunboat *Inconstant* left Shanghai on the 8th inst.

The Chinese Customs cruiser *Liue-feng* arrived at Shanghai from Ichang on Saturday the 7th inst.

The U.S. S. *Petrel* and the Russian gunboat *Mandjou* left Shanghai for the Yangtze ports on May 6th.

One million and a half cases of kerosene oil are now on their way from New York, in sailing ships, to Hongkong.

H.M.S. *Alacrity*, with Vice-Admiral Sir E. Fremantle on board, arrived at Amoy from Swatow last Wednesday evening.

The returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended May 13th, are—Europeans, 263; Chinese, 1,478; total, 1,741.

The P. M. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 26th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow morning.

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A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1165, E.C., will be held in Freemason's Hall, Zeland Street, this evening, at 8.30 p.m. or 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, MAY 16, 1892.

2. His Excellency has read your letter with some surprise, and he directs me to acquaint you in reply that he is unable to adopt your suggestion.

3. The Registrar-General is of all persons in the Colony the one who is the most interested in securing a free, full and impartial enquiry into the allegations that have been made against the Po Leung Kok. He is also the one who from his official experience is the most capable of assisting and directing such an enquiry, and for these and other reasons he is obviously marked out as the most suitable person for appointment as Chairman of the enquiry.

The Governor is unwilling to believe that the proceedings of a Committee consisting of the gentlemen who have been appointed to serve on it, and presided over by the Registrar-General, will fail to command the confidence of the local public; but even if this should unfortunately prove to be the case, his Excellency would still feel it to be his duty to take other considerations also into account, and in view of these considerations would not see fit to alter the constitution of the Committee, which has been appointed after due deliberation.

4. As regards the suggestion thrown out in the fifth paragraph of your letter, his Excellency desires to say nothing beyond expressing his regret that you should have allowed yourself to give currency to it, and adding that he is sure that on further reflection you will yourself share his regret.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
T. H. WHITEHEAD.

I again ask his Excellency to reconsider the matter. I understand that it is difficult, the appointment having been made public, to alter the arrangement, but the difficulty is not insurmountable. If a Commission instead of a Committee of the Council were now appointed to consider and report on the whole question of the existence of the Po Leung Kok, there could arise no sound objection to its being otherwise constituted.

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Your obedient servant,
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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 10th May, 1892.

Sir.—I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th instant, in which you disclaim all intention of imputing any impropriety of conduct to the Registrar-General, but reiterate your opinion that that officer ought not to preside over the Committee that has been appointed to enquire into certain allegations that have been made against the Po Leung Kok Society.

In the fifth paragraph of your letter of 29th ultimo you stated that the Registrar-General was personally interested in the matter—i.e., in the subject matter which had been referred to the Committee for enquiry and report—but it having been suggested that his official influence was brought to bear on certain subscribers—As you proceeded to urge this as a reason for cancelling his appointment as chairman of the Committee, it was naturally, I might almost say necessarily assumed that you intended to imply that the Registrar-General had made some improper use of his official position, and that an enquiry into this impropriety on his part would fall within the scope of the Committee. His Excellency has great pleasure in accepting your disclaimer of any such intention.

The matter then stands as follows:—certain allegations have been made against the Po Leung Kok Society, and they have been referred to a Committee for enquiry and report. Those allegations, or some of them, are of such a nature as to influence the views of the Government in regard to the Bill now before the Legislative Council for the incorporation of the Society. The "suggestion" above mentioned is not one of those allegations, and it has not been referred to the Committee. Further, the "suggestion" as now explained in your letter under acknowledgment does not appear to his Excellency to have any bearing on the question whether the Bill before the Council should or should not be passed. Assuming, as is highly probable, though I have no direct information on the point, that the Registrar-General has long been of opinion that various reasons it was desirable that funds should be subscribed for the purpose of the Society, and that he has expressed his opinion to others, that would not in his Excellency's opinion afford any reason why the Bill should not be passed.

4. You admit that the Registrar-General is very competent to usefully assist in the enquiry, but you question his competency to direct it impartially, inasmuch as apart from the suggestion referred to above he is an "interested" party. In this you are under a misapprehension, and you clearly have misapprehended the bearing of the remark in the third paragraph of my letter of 29th inst. that the Registrar-General is of all persons in the colony the one who is the most interested in securing a free, full and impartial enquiry into the allegations which have been made against the Society. His interest in the Society is notorious, he must of course be aware that the allegations against it point to the existence of abuses which must be most prejudicial to its usefulness and for which, if they exist, a remedy is imperatively required for the sake of the Society itself; and in proportion to his interest in its welfare must be his anxiety that the enquiry shall be so conducted as to place its fairness, fulness, and impartiality beyond any room for doubt or cavil.

In the last para. of your letter you express his Excellency's regret, and his expectation that I will on reflection share in that regret, that I should have permitted myself to suggest as a reason for the Registrar-General's removal from the Chairmanship of the Committee, that he is charged with having used his official influence to obtain subscriptions for the Po Leung Kok. To deal with this last question first, as perhaps the most important of the points raised by your reply, I have the honour to state for the information of his Excellency that after reflection, and after consultation with those best competent to advise me, I see no reason to regret that I pointedly called attention to what, in the absence of explanation or contradiction, I have reasonable grounds for believing to be true. I have been myself informed by more than one well-to-do Chinaman in this Colony that he would not have subscribed to the fund recently got up for the Po Leung Kok but for the persuasion of the Registrar-General. I find this statement confirmed by the Committee of the Po Leung Kok in their petition to the Registrar-General, enclosed in his Report of the 1st February last. The Petitioners there lay it down, 7, speaking of the subscription of \$30,000, that it was owing to the Registrar-General's assistance that it was subscribed with so much good-will. The Chinese who gave me the information above referred to (privately and in confidence) refused me permission to give their names.

Will you be so good as to explain to his Excellency that in repeating the statements made to me and putting them forward as a matter for enquiry I do not for a moment impute to the Registrar-General any unworthy or improper motive. I know him to be unimpeachable by the highest and best motives. Neither do I suggest that he used any influence whatever, that, if he had been dealing with Europeans, could have been designated as in the slightest degree improper, or as implying pressure. But I do entertain the opinion, and many others in the community agree with me, that any attempt at persuasion by a Government official, and especially by the Registrar-General, does in fact put pressure on the Chinese, even the best of them, and that it ought not to have been used, especially in this case, and that if it has been used in any form, if any Chinaman has because of the interposition in any form of the Registrar-General subscribed to the Po Leung Kok who would not have done so, or who refused to do so on the application of his fellow countrymen, it deprives the subscribers of the element of spontaneity of which so much is being made. It is an curious additional fact, if true, that the Petition states that the subscription was got up by the Po Leung Kok only after they had been repeatedly urged by the Registrar-General to do so. I am very decidedly of opinion that this seventh para. of the Petition of the Po Leung Kok needs explanation, and that if the statements in it are correct, their application for incorporation and for a money grant wears a different aspect from that put before the Council.

Was it held out to the Directors of the Po Leung Kok that if they raised so much, they would get a Government grant, or were they told that it was useless to ask for one until they had shown a greater interest in the cause by raising a subscription?

If it is shown to the satisfaction of the Committee of Council and of the public that the action of the Chinese has been purely voluntary, and that they have not been urged on and assisted by the Registrar-General, no one will rejoice more than I shall; but again I must say that I do not think the Registrar-General should preclude as chairman over the Committee of Enquiry. His official position and experience undoubtedly render him most capable of assisting and directing such an enquiry, but the fact that he is the person most interested in securing a free, full and impartial enquiry is the strongest possible argument against his presiding over the Committee entrusted with that duty. That he should be a member of the Committee, Yes! the advocates on the Committee of the Po Leung Kok, Yes! He is the person who advised and urged the Po Leung Kok to move in the matter, who helps them to get together their funds, who receives, forwards, and recommends with all his power their petition, who frames the Bill, and proposes it to Council. He is necessarily committed to certain views and opinions. It is not in human nature that he should not be biased in favor of them. How can he act as Chairman of the Committee, direct a possibly hostile enquiry, question witnesses, resolve questions of procedure, hold the balance between contending opinions, determine by his vote as between two members opposed to the Bill and two members for it, how any disputed question is to be determined. I give the honorable Registrar-General every credit. I have the strongest belief in his honor and honesty, but it is not a position in which he or any other man should be placed.

I again ask his Excellency to reconsider the matter. I understand that it is difficult, the appointment having been made public, to alter the arrangement, but the difficulty is not insurmountable. If a Commission instead of a Committee of the Council were now appointed to consider and report on the whole question of the existence of the Po Leung Kok, there could arise no sound objection to its being otherwise constituted.

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The preamble to the Bill and all the statements in it, I conceive, the proper subject of the enquiry.

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Sir.—I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 13th instant, in which you disclaim all intention of imputing any impropriety of conduct to the Registrar-General, but reiterate your opinion that that officer ought not to preside over the Committee that has been appointed to enquire into certain allegations that have been made against the Po Leung Kok Society.

In the fifth paragraph of your letter of 29th ultimo you stated that the Registrar-General was personally interested in the matter—i.e., in the subject matter which had been referred to the Committee for enquiry and report—but it having been suggested that his official influence was brought to bear on certain subscribers—As you proceeded to urge this as a reason for cancelling his appointment as chairman of the Committee, it was naturally, I might almost say necessarily assumed that you intended to imply that the Registrar-General had made some improper use of his official position, and that an enquiry into this impropriety on his part would fall within the scope of the Committee. His Excellency has great pleasure in accepting your disclaimer of any such intention.

The matter then stands as follows:—certain allegations have been made against the Po Leung Kok Society, and they have been referred to a Committee for enquiry and report. Those allegations, or some of them, are of such a nature as to influence the views of the Government in regard to the Bill now before the Legislative Council for the incorporation of the Society. The "suggestion" above mentioned is not one of those allegations, and it has not been referred to the Committee. Further, the "suggestion" as now explained in your letter under acknowledgment does not appear to his Excellency to have any bearing on the question whether the Bill before the Council should or should not be passed. Assuming, as is highly probable, though I have no direct information on the point, that the Registrar-General has long been of opinion that various reasons it was desirable that funds should be subscribed for the purpose of the Society, and that he has expressed his opinion to others, that would not in his Excellency's opinion afford any reason why the Bill should not be passed.

4. You admit that the Registrar-General is very competent to usefully assist in the enquiry, but you question his competency to direct it impartially, inasmuch as apart from the suggestion referred to above he is an "interested" party. In this you are under a misapprehension, and you clearly have misapprehended the bearing of the remark in the third paragraph of my letter of 29th inst. that the Registrar-General is of all persons in the colony the one who is the most interested in securing a free, full and impartial enquiry into the allegations which have been made against the Society. His interest in the Society is notorious, he must of course be aware that the allegations against it point to the existence of abuses which must be most prejudicial to its usefulness and for which, if they exist, a remedy is imperatively required for the sake of the Society itself; and in proportion to his interest in its welfare must be his anxiety that the enquiry shall be so conducted as to place its fairness, fulness, and impartiality beyond any room for doubt or cavil.

In the last para. of your letter you express his Excellency's regret, and his expectation that I will on reflection share in that regret, that I should have permitted myself to suggest as a reason for the Registrar-General's removal from the Chairmanship of the Committee, that he is charged with having used his official influence to obtain subscriptions for the Po Leung Kok. To deal with this last question first, as perhaps the most important of the points raised by your reply, I have the honour to state for the information of his Excellency that after reflection, and after consultation with those best competent to advise me, I see no reason to regret that I pointedly called attention to what, in the absence of explanation or contradiction, I have reasonable grounds for believing to be true. I have been myself informed by more than one well-to-do Chinaman in this Colony that he would not have subscribed to the fund recently got up for the Po Leung Kok but for the persuasion of the Registrar-General. I find this statement confirmed by the Committee of the Po Leung Kok in their petition to the Registrar-General, enclosed in his Report of the 1st February last. The Petitioners there lay it down, 7, speaking of the subscription of \$30,000, that it was owing to the Registrar-General's assistance that it was subscribed with so much good-will. The Chinese who gave me the information above referred to (privately and in confidence) refused me permission to give their names.

Will you be so good as to explain to his Excellency that in repeating the statements made to me and putting them forward as a matter for enquiry I do not for a moment impute to the Registrar-General any unworthy or improper motive. I know him to be unimpeachable by the highest and best motives. Neither do I suggest that he used any influence whatever, that, if he had been dealing with Europeans, could have been designated as in the slightest degree improper, or as implying pressure. But I do entertain the opinion, and many others in the community agree with me, that any attempt at persuasion by a Government official, and especially by the Registrar-General, does in fact put pressure on the Chinese, even the best of them, and that it ought not to have been used, especially in this case, and that if it has been used in any form, if any Chinaman has because of the interposition in any form of the Registrar-General subscribed to the Po Leung Kok who would not have done so, or who refused to do so on the application of his fellow countrymen, it deprives the subscribers of the element of spontaneity of which so much is being made. It is an curious additional fact, if true, that the Petition states that the subscription was got up by the Po Leung Kok only after they had been repeatedly urged by the Registrar-General to do so. I am very decidedly of opinion that this seventh para. of the Petition of the Po Leung Kok needs explanation, and that if the statements in it are correct, their application for incorporation and for a money grant wears a different aspect from that put before the Council.

Was it held out to the Directors of the Po Leung Kok that if they raised so much, they would get a Government grant, or were they told that it was useless to ask for one until they had shown a greater interest in the cause by raising a subscription?

If it is shown to the satisfaction of the Committee of Council and of the public that the action of the Chinese has been purely voluntary, and that they have not been urged on and assisted by the Registrar-General, no one will rejoice more than I shall; but again I must say that I do not think the Registrar-General should preclude as chairman over the Committee of Enquiry. His official position and experience undoubtedly render him most capable of assisting and directing such an enquiry, but the fact that he is the person most interested in securing a free, full and impartial enquiry is the strongest possible argument against his presiding over the Committee entrusted with that duty. That he should be a member of the Committee, Yes! the advocates on the Committee of the Po Leung Kok, Yes! He is the person who advised and urged the Po Leung Kok to move in the matter, who helps them to get together their funds, who receives, forwards, and recommends with all his power their petition, who frames the Bill, and proposes it to Council. He is necessarily committed to certain views and opinions. It is not in human nature that he should not be biased in favor of them. How can he act as Chairman of the Committee, direct a possibly hostile enquiry, question witnesses, resolve questions of procedure, hold the balance between contending opinions, determine by his vote as between two members opposed to the Bill and two members for it, how any disputed question is to be determined. I give the honorable Registrar-General every credit. I have the strongest belief in his honor and honesty, but it is not a position in which he or any other man should be placed.

I again ask his Excellency to reconsider the matter. I understand that it is difficult, the appointment having been made public, to alter the arrangement, but the difficulty is not insurmountable. If a Commission instead of a Committee of the Council were now appointed to consider and report on the whole question of the existence of the Po Leung Kok, there could arise no sound objection to its being otherwise constituted.

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Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—108 per cent. premium, sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £500. paid up,—16 per cent. dit., sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$200 per share, buyers.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$6 per share, sales and buyers.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, £25 per share, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent. premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$88 per share, buyers.
China Trade's Insurance Company—\$59 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 240 per share, ex-div., sellers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$97 per share, sellers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—\$100, sales.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$270 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$82 per share, buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$34 per share, sellers.
China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—27 per share, buyers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—30 per cent. discount, sellers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$36 per share, buyers.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$77 per cent. premium, sellers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$40 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.
The Sharmen Hotel Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.
Funjom and Sunglo Dha Samantan Minlog Co.—75 cents per share, sellers.
The Raish Gold Mining Co., Limited—45 cents per share, sellers.
Imuris Mining Co., Limited—\$1.50 per share, sellers.
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—nominal.
Tongkei Coal Mining Co.—\$190 per share, sales and sellers.
The Jelbo Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$7 per share, buyers.
The Selama Tlo Mining Co., Limited—10 cents per share, sellers.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$2 sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$1.35 per share, sellers.
Luson Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$80 per share, sales and sellers.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$16 per share, sales and buyers.
Crucksbank & Co., Limited—\$10 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$1 per share, buyers.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$8 per share, buyers.
The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$22 per share, sellers.
The Lubuk Planting Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sellers.
The China-Borneo Co., Limited—nominal.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$30 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$3 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$8 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$120 per share, nominal.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$70 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$1 per share, nominal.
The Green Island Cement Co.—\$8 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$31 per share, buyers.
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$2 per share, nominal.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$50 per share, sellers.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/9.
Bank Bills, on demand 2/10
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/10
Credits at 4 months' sight 2/10
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/10
On PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/5
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/6
On India, T. T. 220
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On SHANGHAI—
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Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
CHARMER, American ship, 1,790, J. W. Holmes, 1st May.—New York, Oct. Nov. Kerosene Oil.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
TETAKOOS, German steamer, 1,570, W. Breitig, 1st May.—Sagam 10th May, Rice.—Slemssen & Co.
HAILOOM, British steamer, 703, T. P. Hall, 21st May.—Tamsui 12th May, Amoy 13th, and Swatow 14th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.
MALACCA, British steamer, 1,616, P. V. Case, 1st May.—Shanghai, 15th May, General.—A. P. & O. S. N. Co.
ACTIV, Danish steamer, 151, H. Hygum, 15th May.—Helsingør 25th May, General.—A. R. Marly.

CONTINENTAL, Dutch steamer, 671, C. Schall, 15th May.—Canton 15th May, General.—Wieland & Co.

PHRA NANG, British steamer, 1,021, W. Watton, 15th May.—Canton 15th May, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

TRIUMPH, German steamer, 674, J. Brunn, 16th May.—Pakhoi, and Holbow 16th May, General.—Ed. Schellhas & Co.

POLYMYNIA, German steamer, 1,050, L. Voltmer, 16th May.—Kobe 15th May, General.—Slemssen & Co.

TAT-ICK, German steamer, 903, N. Enke, 16th May.—Newchawng, and Chéfoo 11th May, General.—Meyer & Co.

WUOTAN, German steamer, 1,016, A. Ott, 16th May.—Salgon 11th May, Rice.—Wieland & Co.

CHOW-SANG, British steamer, 1,194, C. C. D. Bradley, 16th May.—Shanghai 12th May, and Swatow 15th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HAIPHONG, French steamer, 884, Fauran, 16th May.—Haiphong 13th May, and Holbow 15th, General.—Messageries Maritimes.

ZAPPO, British steamer, 675, A. W. R. Cobban, 16th May.—Manila 13th May, General.—Shewan & Co.

SHIN-SHING, Chinese steamer, 855, Geo. Buchanan, 16th May.—Shanghai 13th May, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

TAI-CHUAN, British steamer, 1,180, J. Thom, 16th May.—Wuhu 11th May, Rice.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LY-KE-MON, German steamer, 1,158, G. Heuermann, 16th May.—Shanghai 13th May, General.—A. R. Marly.

ARDOCA, British steamer, 1,080, J. Thom, 16th May.—Wuhu 11th May, Rice.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ASKE, Danish steamer, 682, Revbeck, 16th May.—Haiphong 15th May, General.—Pigge.

BORNEO, Dutch steamer, 1,400, H. Klein, 13th May.—Singapore 6th May, Sugar and Wood.—Ja-Lue, Matheson & Co.

CANTON, British steamer, 1,110, T. Stellar, 10th May.—Calcutta 10th May, Opium and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CATTERTHUN, British steamer, 1,406, Neil Shannon, 9th May.—Sydney 15th April, Moreton Bay 17th, Townsville 20th, Cooktown 21st, Thursday Island 23rd, and Port Darwin 26th, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CHOWTA, British steamer, 1,057, F. W. Phillips, 13th May.—Bangkok 7th May, Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

DECIMA, German steamer, 605, C. Christensen, 11th May.—Salgon 7th May, Paddy.—Slemssen & Co.

FAME, British steamer, 117, Captain McIsaac, 16th May.—Hongkong Government tender.

GAEILIC, British steamer, 4,000, Pearce, 10th May.—San Francisco 16th April, and Yokohama 5th May, Mails and General.—O. O. S. Co.

INDEPENDENT, German steamer, 1,125, Schall, 7th May.—Haiphong 5th May, Ballast.—Wieland & Co.

MIKE MART, Japanese steamer, 2,053, J. B. Macmillan, 13th May.—Nagasaki 9th May, Coal.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

PEMBROKESHIRE, British steamer, 3,000, Gedye, 12th May.—Saigon 9th May, Rice—Choy Chow.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stapani, 16th May.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

POLYMYNIA, British steamer, 1,183, W. Lee, 14th May.—Kobe, and Moji 10th May, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

RIO, German steamer, 1,008, F. P. Ulderrup, 8th May.—Saigon 4th May, Paddy and Rice.—Wieland & Co.

TAI-LUNG, British steamer, 1,155, H. Hogg, 14th May.—Canton 14th May, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

YIKANG, British steamer, from Amoy, &c.

DEPARTURES.

May 14, BENJAMINS, British str., for Hankow.

May 14, Loo Soo, British str., for Singapore.

May 14, Rukuhime Kan, Japanese steamer, for Kobe.

May 15, THALE, British str., for Swatow, &c.

May 15, REO, German steamer, for Saigon.

May 15, BENDER, British steamer, for Saigon.

May 15, Chow-chew-foo, German steamer, for Amoy.

May 15, PAOTING, British steamer, for Shanghai.

May 15, CHENG-TUANG, British str., for Bangkok.

May 15, SEA SWALLOW, British schooner, for Keelung.

May 15, SYLPHEDEN, Norwegian schooner, for Tamshui.

May 15, CHIANG, British str., for Canton.

May 15, YIKANG, British str., for Shanghai, &c.

May 15, YUNG-PING, Chinese str., for Shanghai and Tientsin.

May 15, TAI-LUNG, British str., for Swatow, &c.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per Malacca, str., from Shanghai, for Hongkong.—Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Joseph and Infant, Misses Burton and Chung Lung. From Amoy.—65 Chinese. From Shanghai for London.—Mr. Tricker. For London via Marseilles.—Mrs. and Miss Perkins. Messrs. Ormerod and Vidal. From Amoy for Singapore—28 Chinese. For Penang—65 Chinese.

Per Tatarof, str., from Saigon.—28 Chinese.

Per Wuotan, str., from Saigon.—10 Chinese.

Per Polymnia, str., from Kobe.—Mr. Apric.

Per Haiphong, str., from Tamsui, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Hobson, and 118 Chinese.

Per Choyang, str., from Shanghai for Hongkong.—55 Chinese. From Swatow.—Mr. and Mrs. Sout, and several Chinese.

Per Haiphong, str., from Haiphong for Hongkong.—19 Chinese. From Holbow.—2 Chinese.

From Holbow, str., for Yokohama.—Mrs. Nasa Takatani, and Mr. Minasughi. For Marseilles.

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